Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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is predefined by a third-party application.

(currently amended) A system for mapping captured multimedia 1 1. 2 information onto emoticons graphics for insertion into a communication using an Instant Messaging (IM) application, wherein the insertion is based on multimedia information, the 3 system comprising: 4 an information capture module for capturing the multimedia information in the 5 6 vicinity of a machine on which the user is using the IM application; 7 an information extraction and interpretation module communicatively coupled with the information capture module, for extracting relevant information from the captured 8 multimedia information and interpreting it; and 9 10 a mapping module communicatively coupled with the information extraction and interpretation module, for mapping the interpreted information onto an emoticon a graphic; 11 12 an Application Program Interface module for the IM application, communicatively coupled to the mapping module, for inserting the graphic into the 13 communication in real time using the IM application, said inserting only occurring after 14 15 detecting a trigger from a user. 2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the multimedia information 1 2 comprises at least one of audio information, still image information, and video information. 1 3. (canceled) 4 (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the emoticon graphic 1 2 is predefined by the IM application. 5. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the emoticon graphic 1

| l | | 6. | (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the emoticon graphic | | |
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| 2 | is created by th | e user. | | | |
| ĺ | | 7. | (currently amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the emoticon graphic | | |
| 2 | is created by th | e user l | by processing captured multimedia information. | | |
| l | | 8. | (currently amended) A method for mapping captured multimedia | | |
| 2 | information on | to emo | ticons graphics for insertion into a communication using an Instant | | |
| 3 | Messaging (IM | (1) appli | cation, wherein the insertion is based on multimedia information, the | | |
| 1 | method comprising: | | | | |
| 5 | | receivi | ng the captured multimedia information; | | |
| 5 | | interpre | eting the captured multimedia information; and | | |
| 7 | | mappin | ng the interpreted information onto an emoticon a graphic: | | |
| 3 | | <u>insertir</u> | ng the graphic into the communication in real time, said inserting only | | |
|) | occurring after | detecti | ng a trigger from a user. | | |
| l | , | 9. | (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the multimedia information | | |
|) | | | of audio information, still image information, and video information. | | |
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| | | 10. | (canceled) | | |
| Į | | 11. | (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of mapping | | |
| 2 | the interpreted | inform | ation onto an emoticon a graphic comprises: | | |
| 3 | : | selectir | ng one emoticon graphic out of a plurality of emoticons graphics | | |
| ļ | predefined in th | ne IM a | pplication. | | |
| l | | 12. | (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of mapping | | |
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| <u>.</u> | - | | ation onto an emoticon a graphic comprises: | | |
| | | | ng one emoticon graphic out of a plurality of emoticons graphics | | |
| 1 | predefined in a | third-p | arty application. | | |
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| 1 | | 13. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of mapping | | | | |
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| 2 | the interprete | oreted information onto an emoticon a graphic comprises: | | | | |
| 3 | | selecting one emoticon graphic out of a plurality of customized emoticons | | | | |
| 4 | graphics crea | graphics created by the user. | | | | |
| | | 14 (assumently amonded) The mothed of claim & firsther comprising | | | | |
| l | | 14. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising: | | | | |
| 2 | | determining whether a said trigger has been received; | | | | |
| 3 | | responsive to the trigger being received, capturing the multimedia information. | | | | |
| l | | 15. (currently amended) A method for creating an emoticon a graphic for a | | | | |
| 2 | communication | mmunication using an IM application, based on captured multimedia information, the method | | | | |
| 3 | comprising: | | | | | |
| 1 | | receiving the captured multimedia information; and | | | | |
| 5 | | processing the received captured multimedia information to create an emoticon a | | | | |
| 5 | graphic; | | | | | |
| 7 | | nserting the graphic into the communication in real time, said inserting only | | | | |
| 3 | occurring after | detecting a trigger from a user. | | | | |
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| l | | 16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising: | | | | |
| 2 | | nserting the emoticon graphic into the communication using the IM application. | | | | |
| Į | • | 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising: | | | | |
| 2 | | storing the emoticon graphic for use in a later IM communication using the | | | | |
| 3 | application. | | | | | |
| Į | | 18. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of | | | | |
|) | processing the | received captured multimedia information to create an emoticon a graphic | | | | |
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| , | comprises. | reducing the size of the captured multimedia information. | | | | |
| t | | educing the size of the captured manificula information. | | | | |

| 1 | 19. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of | | | |
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| 2 | processing the received captured multimedia information to create an emoticon a graphic | | | |
| 3 | comprises: | | | |
| 4 | reducing the resolution of the captured multimedia information. | | | |
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| 1 | 20. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of | | | |
| 2 | processing the received captured multimedia information to create an emoticon a graphic | | | |
| 3 | comprises: | | | |
| 4 | selecting a frame from a plurality of frames of the captured multimedia | | | |
| 5 | information. | | | |
| 1 | 21. (currently amended) A system for mapping captured multimedia | | | |
| 2 | information onto emoticons graphics for insertion into an electronic medium, wherein the | | | |
| 3 | insertion is based on multimedia information, the system comprising: | | | |
| 4 | an information capture module for capturing the multimedia information in the | | | |
| 5 | vicinity of a machine in communication with the electronic medium; | | | |
| 6 | an information extraction and interpretation module communicatively coupled | | | |
| 7 | with the information capture module, for extracting relevant information from the captured | | | |
| 8 | multimedia information and interpreting it; and | | | |
| 9 | a mapping module communicatively coupled with the information extraction and | | | |
| 10 | interpretation module, for mapping the interpreted information onto an emoticon a graphic; | | | |
| 11 | an Application Program Interface module, communicatively coupled to the | | | |
| 12 | mapping module, for inserting the graphic into the communication in real time, said inserting | | | |
| 13 | only occurring after detecting a trigger from a use. | | | |
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| 1 | 22. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the multimedia information | | | |
| 2 | comprises at least one of audio information, still image information, and video information. | | | |
| 1 | 23. (canceled) | | | |
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| 1 | 24. (currently amended) A method for mapping captured multimedia | | | | |
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| 2 | information onto emoticons graphics for insertion into an electronic medium, wherein the | | | | |
| 3 | insertion is based on multimedia information, the method comprising: | | | | |
| 4 | receiving the captured multimedia information; | | | | |
| 5 | interpreting the captured multimedia information; and | | | | |
| 6 | mapping the interpreted information onto an emoticon a graphic: | | | | |
| 7 | inserting the graphic into the communication in real time, said inserting only | | | | |
| 8 | occurring after detecting a trigger from a user. | | | | |
| 1 | 25. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the multimedia information | | | | |
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| 2 | comprises at least one of audio information, still image information, and video information. | | | | |
| 1 | 26. (canceled) | | | | |
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| 1 | 27. (currently amended) A system for mapping captured multimedia | | | | |
| 2 | information onto emoticons graphics for insertion into an electronic communication, wherein the | | | | |
| 3 | insertion is based on multimedia information, the system comprising: | | | | |
| 4 | an information capture module for capturing the multimedia information in the | | | | |
| 5 | vicinity of a machine the user is using for the electronic communication; | | | | |
| 6 | an information extraction and interpretation module communicatively coupled | | | | |
| 7 | with the information capture module, for extracting relevant information from the captured | | | | |
| 8 | multimedia information and interpreting it; and | | | | |
| 9 | a mapping module communicatively coupled with the information extraction and | | | | |
| 10 | interpretation module, for mapping the interpreted information onto an emoticon a graphic; | | | | |
| 11 | an Application Program Interface module, communicatively coupled to the | | | | |
| 12 | mapping module, for inserting the graphic into the communication in real time, said inserting | | | | |
| 13 | only occurring after detecting a trigger from a user. | | | | |
| 1 | 28. (original) The system of claim 27, wherein the multimedia information | | | | |
| 1 2 | comprises at least one of audio information, still image information, and video information. | | | | |
| ۷ | comprises at reast one or audio information, sun infage information, and video information. | | | | |
| 1 | 29. (canceled) | | | | |

- (new) The system of claim 1 wherein said graphic represents motion by
 said user.
 (new) The system of claim 1 wherein said trigger is a gesture by said user.
- 1 32. (new) The system of claim 1 wherein said relevant information extracted 2 by said information extraction and interpretation module is in a non graphic format.
- 1 33. (new) The system of claim 1 wherein said relevant information extracted 2 by said information extraction and interpretation module is mapped to one of a preselected group 3 of graphics, including graphics representing a smile, a frown and a wink.
- 1 34. (new) The system of claim 1 wherein said relevant information extracted 2 by said information extraction and interpretation module is an article worn by said user.